



STATE OF WASHINGTON

February 6, 2002

Dear <Name>:

The current economic downturn is affecting many individuals and families in Washington. In response to this situation, state policymakers are exploring options to cushion the impact and to get the economy back on track. We need your assistance in order to help us make better decisions on these and many other issues.

Within the next few weeks, an interviewer from Gilmore Research Group, a private, independent research company, will be calling your home asking you to participate in the **Washington State Population Survey**. Your telephone number was chosen at random for this survey, which includes questions about employment, income, education, and health insurance coverage. Your participation is **completely voluntary** and will take about 20-30 minutes by phone, depending upon the number of persons living in your household.

The survey can be completed at your convenience, so please let the interviewer know if another time is more suitable for you. Your answers to the questions are **strictly confidential**, and all identifying information will be destroyed as soon as the data collection process is complete.

Gilmore Research Group staff is available to answer your questions about this survey. You can call their office toll-free at 1-800-573-4498, ext. 177 and ask to speak with Cathy Peda or JoElla Weybright about the Washington State Population Survey. You also can obtain information about the survey by accessing <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/sps/index.htm>.

Thank you for helping us better serve you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marty Brown".

Marty Brown
Director, Office of Financial Management